



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ZIEMANN ET AL.) : Examiner: NYA
Application No.: 10/802,606) : Group Art Unit: 2171
Filed: March 17, 2004) :
For: PROCESSING OF TREE DATA)
STRUCTURES : July 20, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

July 20, 2004

Date of Deposit

Kelly Billingsley

Name

Kelly Billingsley

Signature

July 20, 2004

Date of Signature